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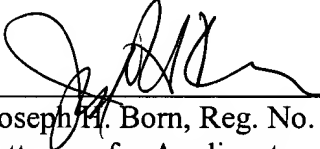
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In describing a feature among those of the claimed invention that the prior art in general and the Tipton reference in particular fail to disclose or suggest, the Examiner referred to the recited reflector as “arranged within a shaft a longitudinal distance from the light source in a direction generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the shaft to irradiate a sample volume of the material proximate the probe head.”

That reflector would be defined more accurately as “arranged within the shaft a longitudinal distance from the light source *to reflect at least a portion of the light from the light source* in a direction generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the shaft to irradiate a sample volume of the material proximate the probe head.”

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